

UPCOMING EVENTS

☑ Representatives of Averett University will register students from 2:30 to 5 p.m. **Nov. 11** in Bldg. 500-2 (training conference room). For more information, call Linda Graves at 8-8236.

☑ The Progressive Club will hold its 71st annual banquet on **Nov. 13** in Bldg. 520-6. Paul S. Tribble Jr. will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Jim Westphal at 896-1901.

☑ Representatives of Strayer University will register students from 2:30 to 5 p.m. **Nov. 16** in Bldg. 500-2 (training conference room). For more information, call Linda Graves at 8-8236.

☑ The Apprentice School will begin its basketball season on **Nov. 19**. The women's team will host the Lady Builder Invitational on Nov. 19 and 20, and the men's team will travel to the Fairmont Tip-off in West Virginia. For more information, visit <http://www.gobuilders.com/>

☑ Northrop Grumman Newport News will host bloodmobiles for employees from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Nov. 18** in Bldg. 103, from 8 to 11:30 a.m. **Dec. 13** in Bldg. 600, and from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. **Dec. 14** in Bldg. 902. For appointments, call: 8-9191 option 9 (B103); 8-8939 (B600); or 8-4792 (B902).

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☛ United Way Coordinators Honored

Northrop Grumman Newport News hosted a luncheon on Nov. 4 to honor organizational coordinators and more than 200 department coordinators and campaign support staff for the 2004-2005 United Way campaign. Newport News exceeded its goal of \$1.6 million.

"We have broken the bank, and I'm particularly proud of that," Newport News President **Mike Petters** said at the luncheon. "You've done more than raise money -- you're making a difference."

Ty Joubert, president of the Peninsula United Way, was on-hand to accept a check from Petters and to thank Newport News' coordinators in person. "It's so important to be involved, to be engaged," Joubert said. "United Way is just one way to do it. I thank you very much for your support. It really is important to us."

☛ A-School Receives Accreditation

Northrop Grumman Newport News' Apprentice School received notification in October that it has received reaffirmation of accreditation by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education through 2010. Reaffirmation denotes that an institution has maintained quality programs, has undergone an extensive self-study and team review, and has been approved by the commission as continuing to meet its standards and conditions for accreditation.

"Accreditation is very important to us in maintaining the stature of the school," said **Danny Hunley**, director of Trades, Education and Training at Newport News. "We're very proud of the accreditation and the glowing remarks we got, but that doesn't mean that we're not continuously working to find ways to improve the service of the school to our company and our communities."

☛ Ron Sugar Meets with San Diego Employees

On November 3 and 4, Northrop Grumman Chairman, CEO and President **Ronald D. Sugar** visited San Diego to meet with customers, employees, and community leaders. Sugar is pictured at Continental Maritime with Newport News vice president of Technology Development and Fleet Support **Irwin F. Edenzon** and general manager of Continental Maritime **Dan Flood**.

"Our People are what make us Great."



The 2004 United Way Division Coordinators are pictured from left: **Cindy Mann** (Human Resources, Administration & Trades), **Ethel Spady** (Submarines), **Kraig Cole** (Aircraft Carriers), **Yasmine Robinson** (Quality & Technical Services), **Ben Scott** (Communications), **Debbie Williams** (Business Management), **Kemp Williams** (Waterfront Nuclear Engineering & Test), **Cheryl Goodman** (Legal), **Rudy Powell** (Technical Development & Fleet Support), **Janet Keesee** (CVN21 Program), **Marsha Cundiff** (Human Resources, Administration & Trades), and **Donna Wrenn** (Operations). Not Pictured: **Debbie McDonald** (Strategic Planning & Integration) and **Theresa Bonaguidi** (Technical Development & Fleet Support).

Photo by Chris Oxley



(from left) Flood, Sugar, and Edenzon



☛ Honoring All Who Served

Northrop Grumman Newport News will commemorate Veterans Day by sounding its whistle at 11:11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11. Employees are encouraged to take a moment to remember the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Additionally, to recognize the many employees who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans are encouraged to wear symbols of their service, such as hats, emblems or miniature ribbons on Thursday, Nov. 11. Shipyard photographers will be out at the gates on Thursday to photograph veterans for inclusion in next week's *Currents*. Please contact Jennifer Dellapenta at 380-3558 if you'd like your photograph taken for possible inclusion in next week's issue.

☛ "Northrop Grumman 101" Seminar Begins

Bob Granata, Northrop Grumman Newport News program manager of Refueling and Complex Overhaul Planning for the *USS Carl Vinson*, talks about the carrier program at the "Northrop Grumman 101" seminar on Nov. 4. The seminar, the first in a series sponsored by Newport News' Learning, Expanding, Achieving, Results, Networking (LEARN) program, drew more than 200 new employees. In fact, it was so popular, a second seminar was added on Nov. 9. For more information, visit the LEARN website: <http://yardnet/divisions/Projects/learn/about.stm>.

Photo by John Whalen



🔑 *Key Message: "We must work collaboratively as a team to meet our big goals."*

☛ ISO Audit Scheduled for Nov. 29 - Dec. 2

Northrop Grumman Newport News will undergo an ISO 9001 and 14001 audit from Nov. 29 through Dec. 2. During the audit, auditors can stop and interview any employee or contractor at any time.

Employees are encouraged to review where they can find the quality and environmental procedures, and remember: SOAR stands for "Stop pollution, Obey rules, Always improve and Reduce waste." If interviewed, employees may refer to the blue ISO 9001 cards for information regarding the quality policy and the green ISO 14001 badge cards regarding the environmental policy.

ISO is an international standards review program that certifies that the holders of these certifications meet stringent requirements to manage, measure, improve and communicate their environmental and quality programs.

For more information, call Trevor Manning at 4-4066, Hogie Thorn at 8-9247 or Dayton Ward at 8-4571.



☛ CORRECTION

Last week's edition of *Currents* incorrectly stated that the Apprentice School Builders' Oct. 30 football victory over Southern Virginia University was the team's first shutout in 10 years. It was the team's first home shutout in 10 years. The Builders recorded a shutout on the road as recently as 2003.

EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS



BJ's Wholesale Club recently announced it is offering discounted memberships for Northrop Grumman Newport News employees.

Through Dec. 31, employees can purchase a 15-month membership for \$25, a \$15 savings. The offer is good for new and renewing members.

For more information, visit the employee discount site: www.nn.northropgrumman.com/discounts.

News from Around the Company

Electronic Systems

Northrop Grumman Wins Air Force Contract

The U.S. Air Force awarded Northrop Grumman a five-year, multi-million-dollar contract to manufacture and integrate a voice, data and multiplexing communications infrastructure. The Theatre Deployable Communications (TDC) modules and kits program is intended to transmit and receive communications securely, to or from wireless, satellite, or hard-wired sources. The TDC improves interoperability, increases capacity and user connections, decreases logistical airlift and footprint requirements and provides common, fixed and deployed solutions.

Information Technology

IT Sponsors, Participates in 2004 COVITS

IT and homeland security took center stage at the Commonwealth of Virginia's Information Technology Symposium (COVITS) in Norfolk Sept. 26-28. Northrop Grumman IT was a participant and gold sponsor. Sector President Jim O'Neill delivered a keynote speech, "Growing Forward: Leveraging the Power of Enterprise Life Cycle Management." To learn more about the company's involvement in COVITS, read the IT News article at <http://inside.it.northgrum.com/itnews/resources/ITSymposium.html>.

Integrated Systems

Air Force Awards E-10A Contract Modifications

The U.S. Air Force has awarded two contract modifications totaling \$232 million to Northrop Grumman for the service's E-10A Multi-Sensor Command and Control Aircraft program. The modifications include a \$170 million, one-year extension to Northrop Grumman's pre-system design and development (pre-SDD) contract and \$62 million to fund the E-10A's battle management command-and-control subsystem. The E-10A contract extension was required to accommodate an increase in the pre-SDD timeline. The pre-SDD weapon system integration program is now valued at \$408 million.

Mission Systems

Sector Wins Contract for Slovakian System

Northrop Grumman has been awarded a contract to provide a national military command-and-control system to Slovakia. The command center, located in Bratislava, is scheduled for delivery in February 2005. It will be the second command center in Eastern Europe that is fully compatible with U.S. and North Atlantic Treaty Organization systems.

Ship Systems

Gala Christening Honors Aegis Destroyer

The Northrop Grumman-built Aegis guided missile destroyer Forrest Sherman (DDG 98) was christened on Oct. 2 at the Ship Systems facility in Pascagoula, Miss. U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss) served as the event's principal speaker. More than 1,000 guests attended the christening of DDG 98, named to honor Navy Adm. Forrest Percival Sherman. Sherman served as chief of Naval Operations from 1949 until his death in 1951, and was the youngest man ever to serve in this role.

Space Technology

Sector Captures Contract To Co-design Spacecraft

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory selected Northrop Grumman Space Technology as the contractor for co-designing the proposed Prometheus Jupiter Icy Moons Orbiter (JIMO) spacecraft. The contract award- approximately \$400 million-will cover work through mid-2008. The Prometheus JIMO mission is part of an ambitious goal to orbit and explore three planet-sized moons-Callisto, Ganymede a